IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

A method and system for video distribution among a plurality of users uses a host computing device that allocates tasks among a number of audiovisual serving devices. A user can select between traditional video program material, such as scheduled special events and on-demand feature length films, as well as Internet access, video games and computer applications. Assignable Computing Devices (ACDs), one type of audiovisual serving device within the system, are used for a number of functions including providing Internet access to users, controlling the menu-driven process of selecting program material and providing computer applications to users. Other types of audiovisial serving devices provide program material such as on-demand feature length films and video games. The user communicates with the ACDs through an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) while selecting program material to view through a series of menus, which may be customized according to the preferences of an individual user.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10, 13, 16, 17, 20-25, 28 and 31-35.

Please amend the claims as follows:

11.   A method for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and allocating tasks among a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, said method comprising:

responding to a user request to order program material by selecting one of a plurality of Assignable Computing Devices to generate a menu, said menu listing available program material;

presenting the user with said menu over a Room Communication Subsystem;

receiving a program selection from the user over the Room Communication Subsystem;

responding to said selection of program material by selecting one of a plurality of